

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
ABSTRACT

FORESTS – Simplified process to accord tree felling permission under WALTA 2002 – Amendment - Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (FOR.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 61

Dated: 24-10-2016

Read the following:

1. From the Secretary to Government, Industries and Commerce Department, TS, Hyderabad, Lr.No.7538/ IP&INF/ A1/2015, Dt.05.11.2015.
2. From the Prl.C.C.F. & HoFF, TS, Hyderabad Ref.No.1109/ 2015/Prod.2/TG, Dt.05.05.2016.
3. G.O.Ms.No.19, EFS&T (For.I) Dept., Dt.13.05.2016.
4. From the PCCF (HoFF), TS, Hyd., Lr.No.1109/2015/ Prod.2/ TG, Dt.16.05.2016.
5. G.O.Ms.No.30, EFS&T (For.I) Dept., Dt.28.05.2016.
6. From the PCCF (HoFF), TS, Hyd., Lr.No.1109/2015/ Prod.2, Dt.09.10.2016.

ORDER

In the letter 1st read above, the Industries & Commerce Department has stated that the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India, New Delhi has communicated a 344-Point Reform Action Plan on Ease of Doing Business of Industrial Policy and Promotion. As per the communication from the Government of India, States will be ranked based on the measures taken to operationalize **344 Point Reform Action Plan**. One of the important reforms relates to accord "**Permission for Tree felling**" for establishing new industry under "Ease of Doing Business".

2. In the G.O. 3rd read above, Government have issued detailed instructions for grant of tree felling permission under WALTA 2002 for establishment of new industry under TS-iPASS and other purposes.

3. In his letter 6th read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana State, Hyderabad has requested to amend Para No.21 appending to G.O.Ms.No.19, EFS&T (For-I) Dept., Dated:13.05.2016, from (3) working days to (12) working days in conformity to amended WALTA Rules, 2004 vide G.O.Ms.No.69, PR&RD (RD) Dept., dt. 28.09.2016.

4. Government after careful examination of the proposal of Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana State, Hyderabad in the letter 6th read above, hereby issue the following amendment to Appendix in G.O.Ms.No.19, EFS&T (For.I) Department, Dated: 13-05-2016:-

AMENDMENT

EXISTING	SUBSTITUTED
21. If the Divisional Forest Officer/Designated Officer fails to accord tree felling permission within (3) days of receipt of application form in complete shape along with the enclosures and fees through TS-iPASS Common Application Form, the permission shall deemed to have been granted under WALTA 2002 and a system generated deemed permission as prescribed in <u>Annexure-VII</u> will be communicated to the applicant under intimation to Prl. Chief Conservator	21. If the Divisional Forest Officer/Designated Officer fails to accord tree felling permission within (12) days of receipt of application form in complete shape along with the enclosures and fees through TS-iPASS Common Application Form, the permission shall deemed to have been granted under WALTA 2002 and a system generated deemed permission as prescribed in <u>Annexure-VII</u> will be communicated to the applicant under intimation to Prl. Chief Conservator

of Forests/Conservator of Forests. Deemed approval does not bestow any right on the applicant to transport the felled trees. Permission to transport non-exempted trees from the Divisional Forest Officer on a valid transit permit is mandatory under the provisions of Telangana Forest Produce Transit Rules, 1970. The applicant/entrepreneur shall not transport the felled tree without obtaining prior permission from the concerned Divisional Forest Officer and without transit permit.	of Forests/Conservator of Forests. Deemed approval does not bestow any right on the applicant to transport the felled trees. Permission to transport non-exempted trees from the Divisional Forest Officer on a valid transit permit is mandatory under the provisions of Telangana Forest Produce Transit Rules, 1970. The applicant/entrepreneur shall not transport the felled tree without obtaining prior permission from the concerned Divisional Forest Officer and without transit permit.
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5. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana State, Hyderabad shall take necessary action, accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)

B.R. MEENA
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF),
Telangana State, Hyderabad.

Copy to:
All the District Collectors in the State.
The Industries and Commerce Department.
The PR&RD Department.
The Commissioner of Panchayat Raj & Rural Development Dept.
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SECTION OFFICER